

YouGov / Daily Telegraph Survey Results

YouGov questioned 1981 adults aged 18+ throughout Britain online between 16th and 18th December 2004. The results have been weighted to the profile of all adults.

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	Current Vote			Gender		Age			Social Grade		Region					
	Con	Lab	Lib Dem	Male	Female	18 to 34	35-54	Over 55	ABC1	C2DE	London	Rest of South	Midlands / Wales	North	Scotland	
Weighted N	1995	498	541	355	953	1042	586	704	706	1073	922	250	568	510	488	178
Unweighted N	1981	486	561	373	978	1003	544	637	800	1125	856	342	421	456	569	192
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%

Do you believe in God?

Yes, I do	44	50	40	45	39	49	37	42	52	45	43	45	45	40	48	38
No, I don't	35	31	37	38	43	29	45	34	29	35	36	40	33	37	33	41
Don't know	21	19	23	17	19	22	19	24	19	20	21	15	22	23	19	21

Would you describe yourself as being...?

An agnostic: someone who is not sure whether there is a God or not	46	49	46	43	43	50	54	43	42	42	51	42	45	53	44	43
An atheist: someone who believes there is no God	35	34	37	36	41	29	33	36	37	40	30	40	30	33	37	46
Neither	16	14	16	19	14	17	12	20	15	16	15	17	21	13	14	11
Don't know	2	3	1	2	2	3	1	1	6	2	3	1	4	1	4	0

Would you describe yourself as believing in one God, in more than one God, or in some other kind of Supreme Being?

One God	87	92	89	84	87	88	85	85	90	88	86	86	85	88	90	87
More than one God	3	2	2	5	3	3	5	3	2	3	3	3	5	2	2	0
Some other kind of Supreme Being	10	6	8	11	11	9	10	13	7	8	12	10	10	10	8	13

If you had to say, which religious faith would you describe yourself as belonging to?

Church of England	49	59	55	38	50	49	43	47	55	48	50	47	53	59	49	9
Other Protestant Christian	14	14	13	17	17	12	11	13	18	15	14	8	8	15	14	47
Roman Catholic Christian	16	15	18	19	16	16	13	18	16	14	18	15	15	10	22	21
Other Christian	8	4	8	11	8	8	16	8	4	10	7	13	13	6	4	9
Hindu	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Muslim	1	0	1	2	0	2	4	0	0	1	1	3	0	3	1	0
Sikh	0	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
Jew	2	4	1	0	2	2	1	3	1	3	1	9	1	0	1	0
Other	9	4	4	12	6	10	11	10	6	8	9	4	11	6	9	13

Roughly how often do you attend a place of worship?

More than once a week	7	5	8	7	8	6	6	7	8	10	3	14	6	4	7	8
In most weeks	10	13	8	10	9	11	5	8	15	13	7	5	18	6	8	14
Several times a year	11	16	13	9	9	12	11	12	9	11	11	18	11	11	8	10
Only very occasionally	38	39	38	36	35	39	38	33	41	37	39	37	33	40	40	42
Never (except for weddings or funerals)	34	28	34	37	37	32	41	39	26	30	40	27	32	39	38	26

Her Majesty the Queen is formally the head of the Church of England and 'Defender of the Faith'. Do you think she should, or should not, continue to be head of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith?

Yes, she should	54	73	52	47	50	57	49	55	56	53	54	52	61	54	53	35
No, she should not	27	18	27	35	31	23	28	23	30	30	23	27	23	26	28	43
Don't know	19	8	21	18	19	19	24	21	14	16	23	22	16	20	19	22

Prince Charles has said that when he becomes King he would like people to regard him as 'defender of all the faiths'. Would you personally want to regard him as defender of all the faiths or not?

Yes, I would	33	35	35	39	30	35	31	29	37	35	30	29	34	33	34	26
No, I would not	51	54	48	50	55	48	51	50	52	52	50	56	52	49	50	52
Don't know	16	10	17	12	15	17	18	20	11	13	20	15	14	18	15	21

What do you think the Government's policy towards 'faith schools' should be?

The Government should encourage the parents of children of all faiths, including Christians, to send their children to the same schools.	56	55	63	55	60	52	52	55	59	56	55	55	55	56	53	68
The Government should encourage the parents of children of minority faiths, such as Hindus, Muslims and Jews, to send their children to separate faith schools	5	5	5	4	5	5	3	7	5	5	5	4	4	6	6	4
The Government should give financial support to nondenominational and faith schools of all kinds and should not express any view about which type of school children should attend.	28	34	20	32	24	31	29	25	30	31	24	26	29	28	30	18
Don't know	11	7	12	9	11	12	16	13	6	8	16	15	12	9	11	11

It is often said that Britain is becoming a more 'secular' country in the sense that fewer people than in the past are religious and fewer regularly attend places of worship. Do you believe that Britain is, in fact, becoming a more secular country or not?

Yes, it is	81	85	83	83	84	79	81	78	84	84	77	78	79	82	84	82
No, it is not	8	8	8	8	7	9	7	9	7	8	7	8	8	9	7	6
Don't know	11	7	9	10	9	13	13	13	8	7	16	14	13	9	9	12

Do you welcome, or regret, the fact that Britain is becoming a more secular country?

I welcome the fact	30	23	35	34	37	24	39	29	25	34	26	33	30	32	27	33
I regret it	41	53	34	40	36	45	28	37	53	42	38	41	45	34	45	33
Don't know	29	24	31	25	27	31	33	34	21	24	35	26	25	34	28	34

Apart from children, does anyone in your home pray regularly?

Yes	21	23	19	21	19	24	17	16	30	23	19	21	23	17	23	21
No	73	70	74	76	76	71	80	78	64	72	75	73	72	76	73	74
Don't know	5	7	7	4	5	5	3	6	6	4	6	6	5	6	4	5

Do you personally believe in prayer?

Yes, I do	37	40	35	38	29	44	29	33	47	38	35	35	41	34	38	29
No, I don't	47	43	50	46	56	39	54	47	41	47	47	48	44	48	48	51
Don't know	16	16	15	16	16	17	16	20	12	16	17	16	14	19	15	21

Do you believe there is or is not life after death?

Yes, I do	43	41	40	47	31	54	47	40	44	43	43	44	45	39	48	36
No, I don't	28	26	36	26	38	18	21	29	32	28	27	27	23	31	25	39
Don't know	29	33	24	27	30	28	33	31	24	28	30	29	31	30	27	24

Do you believe there is or is not a devil?

Yes, I do	23	23	22	25	17	28	24	20	25	22	24	21	25	19	25	23
No, I don't	51	49	54	57	58	45	48	53	53	55	47	56	45	56	51	55
Don't know	26	28	23	18	24	27	28	27	23	23	29	22	30	25	24	22

Do you believe in heaven?

Yes, I do	38	38	35	39	28	47	41	33	39	37	39	38	41	33	40	34
No, I don't	37	35	42	40	46	30	33	40	39	40	34	41	33	39	35	47
Don't know	25	27	23	22	27	23	26	27	22	23	27	21	26	27	25	19

Do you believe in hell?

Yes, I do	23	22	23	26	19	27	24	21	24	21	25	21	26	19	24	25
No, I don't	51	49	54	52	57	46	47	53	53	55	48	59	45	55	49	56
Don't know	25	30	23	21	24	27	28	25	23	24	27	20	29	25	27	19

Which of these statements comes closest to your own view?

If I married, I would prefer the wedding to be conducted in a church or other place of worship (e.g. a mosque, synagogue, or temple)	34	43	34	31	34	34	31	29	41	36	32	32	38	32	36	26
If I married, I would prefer the wedding NOT to be conducted in a church or other place of worship	23	17	24	27	21	24	29	20	21	27	18	26	22	22	20	30
I would not mind one way or the other	40	37	40	39	43	37	36	46	37	34	47	38	37	43	42	42
Don't know	3	3	2	2	2	4	4	4	1	3	4	4	4	3	3	3

Whether or not you think of yourself as a Christian, do you celebrate Christmas in any way?

Yes, I do	94	94	95	94	94	94	95	93	94	95	93	89	94	94	97	92
No, I don't	6	6	5	6	6	6	5	7	6	5	7	11	6	6	3	8

Personally, how do you regard Christmas? (tick only one)

Mainly as a religious festival	21	26	20	22	18	24	12	17	33	22	20	21	25	20	19	17
Mainly as a holiday	38	34	42	36	43	34	42	46	27	38	38	38	35	39	40	39
Mainly as an opportunity to meet friends and family	28	29	28	30	26	31	34	22	30	29	28	30	30	27	28	25
Mainly as an occasion for eating and drinking	8	7	8	7	10	7	8	10	7	8	9	9	6	9	8	12
None of these	4	4	2	5	4	5	5	5	3	3	6	2	4	5	5	6

Would you say that Christmas is becoming more religious, less religious or remaining about the same compared with your childhood?

More religious	1	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	2
Less religious	88	91	87	87	88	88	84	89	91	88	88	84	89	87	90	88
About the same	11	9	11	12	11	10	14	9	9	11	10	14	9	11	9	10
Don't know	1	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	2	1	0	1	0

This year a large number of shops had Christmas cards and gifts on display before the end of October. How do you personally feel about the fact that Christmas nowadays starts early and lasts for nearly two months.

I like it a lot	1	1	1	0	1	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	0	2	1	0
I like it	2	1	3	1	2	3	4	2	2	2	3	1	2	3	2	2
I don't mind one way or the other	18	13	24	18	16	20	20	15	20	14	23	19	15	19	23	13
I dislike it	38	43	38	37	39	38	34	39	41	38	39	41	43	36	33	41
I dislike it a lot	40	43	34	44	42	38	40	43	37	46	33	37	39	40	41	43

YouGov Weighting Data

In addition to weighting by age, gender, social class and region (weighted and unweighted figures shown in the tables), YouGov also weighted its raw data by newspaper readership and past vote:

Recalled vote in 2001:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Labour	889	838
Conservative	388	418
Liberal Democrat	229	199
Scottish / Welsh Nationalist	38	30
Other	55	10
Did not vote	382	501

Newspaper readership:	Unweighted no.	Weighted no.
Express / Mail	367	320
Sun / Star	356	440
Mirror / Record	288	319
Guardian/ Independent	130	80
Financial Times / Times / Telegraph	202	190
Other paper	224	249
No paper	414	397

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